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SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD WIFE CHARGED WITH ADULTERY.

Pair Arrested at Fairmont and Placed in Custody. Girl Slept in Hay-mow. Is Only Seventeen Years Old.

Charge Against Charles White and Mrs. Smithour Could Not be Proven and They Were Released From Jail. Girl Claimed That She Was Acting in Capacity of Housekeeper.

Charles White, of Gypsy, and Mrs. Lizzie Smithour, of Clarksburg, were arrested in Fairmont Sunday night about ten o'clock by Chief of Police John S. Scott, and officer C. S. Pitzer.

A warrant against two prisoners, bearing the charge of adultery, was issued Monday by Justice Riley, upon information furnished by one of the officials at the Gypsy mines. Monday morning special officers Sperry and Hall went to Fairmont and brought the two prisoners here for trial. They were placed in the county jail.

Tuesday morning the case came up for hearing before Justice Riley. Several witnesses were present, but as no one could actually prove that there had been any wrong doing on the part of either the girl or White, the case was dropped and the prisoners released from jail.

The girl claimed that she was acting in the capacity of housekeeper for Mr. White. It was claimed that the two had lived together in the same house, but she claimed she could prove that they had occupied different rooms, by the 14-year-old brother. Other similar charges regarding the case could not be proven, and the case was dropped.

Mrs. Smithour is not a bad looking girl. Some folks have pronounced her very pretty. She has black hair and her dark brown eyes have a great deal of expression in them when Mr. White is around.

Before her marriage she was Miss Lizzie Róby, the daughter of a prominent citizen of Century, a small town on the Grafton and Belington railroad. On information furnished by telephone by the authorities at Gypsy. The charge is that they were unlawfully living together at the bachelor quarters of White, who is a miner.

The girl, she says, but 17 years old. She says she is the wife of Adam Smithour, a saloon keeper of Clarksburg. She says they were married five months ago but that they have not been living together for five weeks.

White and the girl were taken to the city lockup and White was locked up in the cage. What to do with the girl was the next question, and for awhile it was a puzzler, but the chief settled it and had a bed made in the haymow. There the girl, who was accompanied by her 14 year old brother, spent the night.

Speaking to a newspaper representative the next morning, she said:

"My brother and I were going to Fetterman where we have a sister and I intended to get work there. Mr. White said he would come as far as Fairmont with us as he was going to Pennsylvania to get work. I suppose my husband caused our arrest. He has been trying to get me to come back to him, but I would not do it."

The warrants story had a different ring to it. It accused White and the girl of adultery. It seemed that since last Friday they have been living together and the neighbors made complaints so strong that the warrant was issued.

THE BIDDLE BOYS

And Mrs. Soffel Will be Seen on Grand Opera House Stage

According to a Display Bill-board Standing on Third Street.

A large box, opening on hinges, in much the same manner in which a dress suit case is opened, and about six feet high, was dragged out on the side walk on Third street in front of the Traders hotel building this morning. When opened it revealed a photograph bill-board advertising the coming to the Grand Opera House on February 3, of the attraction, "A Desperate Chance."

From the upright sides of each half of the box was spread a strong wire netting which covered the open part of the box. Under this, and attached to the bottom of each box half, were nailed, two old-looking revolvers, a pair of handcuffs, a bloody handkerchief, and photographs of the Biddle boys and Mrs. Soffel, of notorious fame, together with photographs of the scenes where was recently enacted one of the most notorious tragedies in the history of Western Pennsylvania.

It seems this coming attraction is a stage reproduction of this terrible tragedy. A large crowd, mostly of young boys, soon gathered around the box which was attracting attention galore. Persons coming down the street were led to believe that a dog fight was in progress from the looks of the mob of youngsters. Older folks, with natural curiosity were there looking at the collection too.

Now, the reporter reasoned it out, that if the mere bill-board, announcing the coming of this attraction, excited so much attention and curiosity, the opera house on the night of the presentation of this play would resemble a box of Massachusetts sardines. The show has been playing to packed houses all over the country.

RECRUITING STATION

Will Open in Postoffice Building for Marine Corps.

A station to recruit men for the Marine Corps will be opened on the second floor of the postoffice here tomorrow. Captain P. M. Bannon, of Washington, D. C., will have charge of the station and will be assisted by Sergeant F. J. Dionne, Corporal Francis A. Torrens, M. A. Willard and H. Dougherty. The station will be open ten days at least and possibly longer. They are stopping at the Metropolitan hotel, where they can be seen after regular hours at the station. All interested should read the Government's advertisement to be found in another column.

BOARD BILL

Causes a Warrant to be Issued Against Mrs. Hudkins' Boarder.

Mrs. E. L. Hudkins swore out a warrant this afternoon in Squire Riley's court against one of her former boarders, charging him with failure to pay a board bill of \$7.50, she alleges he owes her. The name of the party the magistrate declined to give out. The warrant will be executed this evening.

Lunacy Warrant

A lunacy warrant has been sworn out in Squire Riley's court against Miss Mariah Camp, who is in the county jail. It is expected that she will be given an examination tomorrow. The hour has not yet been determined.

MINER FOUND DEAD

Circumstances Surrounding Anderson's Death Point to Murder.

Jugular Vein Severed, as If Done With a Knife.

Ghastly Fined Made by Freight Crew Near Highland.

Lawson Anderson, of Highland, just below Shinnston, was either murdered or came to his death accidentally Saturday night at a late hour. He and other miners went to Monongah that evening and engaged in drinking. All drank whiskey until they were very drunk. Anderson got on the flyer, which leaves Monongah about 10 o'clock. He was not seen alive after that. A freight train crew found his mangled remains next morning on the railroad track about seventy-five yards north of the Highland station. A pool of blood was discovered fifty yards north of where the body lay and another fifty yards south. There appeared to be a knife-inflicted wound on the body. It was directly through the jugular vein. It is believed he was murdered. When he went to Monongah he had \$35 but only \$5 was found on his dead body. He was 36 years of age. The body was taken to Fairmont for burial. He leaves a son, 14 years of age. Squire Snodgrass, of Monongah, is making an investigation of the circumstances of his death.

SENTENCED TO THE PEN

Young Moore Pleads Guilty in Court to Grand Larceny.

Sentence of Two Years in Penitentiary Passed Upon Him.

J. Frank Moore was sentenced to the penitentiary Monday afternoon by Judge Mason for the term of two years. He pleaded guilty to grand larceny. Some weeks ago he broke into a house at Wyatt and stole \$31 in money. He was apprehended in Harrisville and brought to jail here. He does not look to be much over 16 years of age. He will be taken to the penitentiary in a few days by the sheriff.

BROUGHT TO GIRLS HOME

Fowler Girl Landed at Last in Industrial Home.

Mary Fowler, the 16 year old girl who was arrested at Belpre a few days ago in attempting to get away to Norfolk, Va., with a woman of bad character, who had her secreted in a room on Court Square, was taken to the Girls Industrial school at Salem today, having been committed to that institution by Squire Thomas.

Will Go to Germany

Mr. Mark Koblegard, the efficient and accommodating book-keeper for The Koblegard Company, the Glen Elk wholesale dry goods house, will leave in the early part of summer for a trip across the pond to visit his parents at his old home in Germany. Mark has been absent from his home for about seven years and is anxious to get back and make a visit.

LEWIS RE-ELECTED

Vice President of the United Mine Workers of America.

Wilson and Mitchell Had No Opposition, Whatever.

Delegates to American Federation of Labor Elected.

The report of the tellers on the election of national officers of the United Mine Workers by the recently taken referendum vote, was made yesterday, showing that John Mitchell, who had no opposition for president, received 55,032 votes, and W. B. Wilson, who had no opposition for secretary-treasurer, received 56,125 votes. Vice-President T. L. Lewis, of Ohio, was re-elected over T. D. Nichols, of Pennsylvania, by a vote of 39,033 to 17,294.

The election of delegates to the American Federation of Labor, resulted in the selection of John Mitchell, W. B. Wilson, T. L. Lewis, W. D. Ryan, of Illinois; John Fahey, of Schuylkill; W. H. Haskins, of Ohio, and John Dempsey, of Pennsylvania. The alternates are W. H. Frailey, of Ohio; Paul Pulaski, of Pennsylvania; G. W. Pursell, of Indiana; Chris Evans, of Ohio; G. W. Savage, of Ohio; J. H. Kennedy, of Indiana, and D. H. Sullivan, of Ohio.

TELEPHONE COMPANY

Decides Not to Build any More Individual Lines.

Superintendent Barnes Explains Cause of Increased Prices.

At a meeting of the directors of the Consolidated Telephone Company held in Fairmont a few days ago it was decided not to build any more individual lines. The several business concerns which have lines, however, will be allowed to keep them. Superintendent Barnes authorizes the statement that the prices were raised on account of the fact that the company was making no money. The prices which prevailed before the raise was inaugurated were made eight years ago, when the system was small and expenses much lighter than at present. He explained that the charter would not permit them to charge more than \$25 per phone at Grafton and that was the reason there appeared to be a discrimination in that town's favor. Some very extensive improvements are in progress and in contemplation.

INSTALLATION

Of Rev. Hudson Will Take Place This Evening.

A special meeting of the Presbytery of Parkersburg is called for this evening at 7 o'clock, to meet in the First Presbyterian church here. The object of this meeting is to receive the Rev. Wm. M. Hudson, Ph. D., by letter from the Presbytery of Redstone, and to install him as pastor of the church at Clarksburg.

Funeral of Miss Giles

The funeral of Miss Flora Giles, colored, whose death was chronicled in these columns yesterday, occurred Tuesday afternoon from the residence of her sister, Mrs. Lee, on Cemetery street. The interment was made in the Elk View cemetery.

PANDEMONIUM REIGNED IN MONTICELLO ADDITION.

Dance at Widow Kircheval's Turns Into a Drunken Carousal Among Men and Women in Attendance.

Reign of Terror in Community the Night Long. Residents Terribly Frightened. Prosecutions Will Follow. Several of the Parties Being Known.

TRUSTEES

For Churches and Parsonage Confirmed in Court.

Other Orders of Various Kinds Entered by the Court.

Noah Keesy, George W. Williams, S. H. Garner, Leonidas Rhodes and Worthy Hickman were confirmed in circuit court as trustees of the M. E. church parsonage at Bristol.

T. J. Coffman, John E. Haney, Noah Keesy, John T. Young and Leonidas Rhodes were confirmed as trustees of the M. E. church at Bristol.

J. W. Williams, Alpheus Williams, Eli M. Estlack, Alex. Riley, John S. Riley and G. W. Williams were confirmed as trustees of the M. E. church at Grass Run.

Rufus Haymond, Worthy Hickman, Lee Hickman, E. M. Guster and Willie Hickman were confirmed as trustees of the M. E. church at Indian Run.

In the cause of B. S. Reynolds vs. P. A. Haught et al, it was ordered that M. G. Sperry, special commissioner, pay to Thomas J. Dennison \$78.15 with interest out of proceeds of sale.

A notice for a release of lien in the cause of Wilbur Coal & Coke Company against Edwin Maxwell, executor of Burton Despard, deceased, was docketed.

Funds were apportioned and land partitioned and assigned to heirs in the cause of Irene B. Stier et al against A. D. Robinson et al.

The mandate of the supreme court in the cause of John J. Williams against the South Penn Oil Company was ordered recorded.

Motions were made to quash five misdemeanor indictments against John B. Hickman and the cases were continued until a future day of this term.

The jury found Thomas Gain guilty of a misdemeanor. The default of the prisoner was noted and the sheriff was directed to bring him into court to hear the judgment of the court. Pleas of guilty were entered in seven cases against Gain and a fine of \$100 in each case and costs was imposed.

Motions to quash were made in seven misdemeanor cases against Anthony B. Upham and the cases were continued to a future day of the term. Eugene Newsome, indicted for felony, plead guilty to a misdemeanor and was sentenced to the county jail for four months.

In the cause of J. Hubert Romine against Anna M. Romine, a divorce was granted.

The defendants tendered their answers in the cause of W. W. Cork against James F. Cook and James P. Hart and leave was given the plaintiff to file a special reply in 30 days.

A rough house occurred in Monticello addition Saturday night. It was one of the most disgraceful affairs, which could happen in a civilized community and steps will be taken to bring the parties to account for their conduct.

A dance was given that night at the home of Widow Kircheval's. She occupied a house owned by the Monticello Brick Company, but as soon as the company heard of the disgraceful affair, they moved her out. This was done Monday.

The dance was attended by people from Clarksburg, Northview, Lynch's mine and Mt. Clare, in fact from all the country around. It seems to have been well advertised. The crowd was large and the quarter small, so that it did not take long to get every thing well warmed up. There was booze a plenty and it was not sparingly used. Fights were indulged in and rowdiness held full sway until the early hours of the morning.

The neighborhood was disturbed throughout the affair and many of the residents were badly frightened. They feared that the ruffians, who had gathered at the dance would not only paint the addition red but do all sorts of harm. There was no sleep in any household there but fright reigned instead.

Mrs. Allen was especially alarmed as none of the men folk were at home. Some of the ruffians approached her house and behaved themselves very disgracefully but did the occupants no harm, except to frighten them almost to death. It was, indeed, a night of terror.

Several of the parties who engaged in the affair are known, probably eighteen all told, and they will be apprehended and punished for their outrageous conduct. The drinking is said not to have been confined to the men alone but some of the women imbibed freely also.

PETITION CIRCULATED

For the Building of a Bridge Across Limestone Creek.

Jerome Sheets and other citizens residing on Davisson's run are circulating a petition, which will be presented to the county court. It asks for the building of a bridge across Limestone creek on the road leading up Simpson's fork just east of Wilkesburg. The petition is being extensively signed. It will be presented at the next term of the court.

Goes South.

Attorney John B. Swiger has gone to Asheville North Carolina, where he will stay for some time in the hopes of recuperating. His health has not been the best for some time. The Telegram follows him and will keep him posted of happenings in his home town.